

REMARKS**I. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1 and 3-30 have been amended. Claims 2 and 31 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1 and 3-30 remain pending in the present application remain pending in the present patent application. No new matter has been added. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2, 6, 11-13, and 17-30 contain allowable subject matter. In light of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1, 14, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for being anticipated by Murakami et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,250).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 2, which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. (See 8/18/09 Office Action, p. 5). Claim 14 has been amended and is now dependant on claim 17, which has been rewritten in independent form and which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. (See Id.). Claim 31 has been cancelled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection of claims 1 and 14 and the claims be allowed.

III. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 3-5, 7-10, 15, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over Murakami.

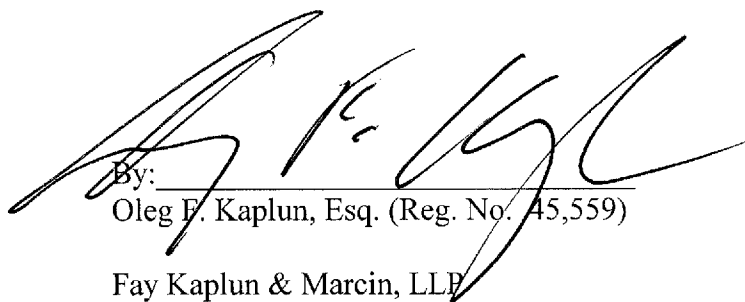
Claims 3-5, 7-10, 15, and 16 have been amended to depend on claim 17, which has been rewritten in independent form and which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. (See 8/18/09 Office Action, p. 5). Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 3-5, 7-10, 15, and 16 and the claims be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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